

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A nonaqueous electrolyte battery includes a positive electrode containing a positive electrode active material which is capable of occluding and releasing lithium, a negative electrode containing a  
5 main active material which is capable of occluding and releasing lithium, and a current collector of copper, wherein the negative electrode contains a subsidiary active material which supplies lithium from the negative electrode to the positive electrode at an overdischarge condition. This arrangement makes it possible to  
10 prevent deterioration of battery characteristics caused by overdischarge without using an external device such as a protective element or protective circuit.